

Middlesex County's Recycling and Solid Waste Guide



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Dear County Residents:

Welcome to the 19th edition of Middlesex County's Recycling and Solid Waste Guide. I am pleased to present it to you as the Freeholder Chairman for the Division of Solid Waste Management.

The County, through the Division of Solid Waste Management, continues to work closely with the Solid Waste Advisory Council, the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), and the Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA) to promote safe and sound solid waste and recycling practices for our citizens.

As you use this guide, please take advantage of the many County-sponsored recycling and solid waste programs and services available to you. If you have any questions, you may e-mail the Division of Solid Waste Management at solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us, call 732-745-4170, or visit our website at www.co.middlesex.nj.us.

It is my honor to represent and serve the citizens of Middlesex County on the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Yours sincerely,
H. James Polos
Freeholder
Chairman, Public Safety and Health

***On the cover:** Freeholder H. James Polos (center in middle picture) with representatives from the Departments of Public Works of Carteret, Highland Park, North Brunswick and South Amboy along with staff from the Middlesex County Divisions of Solid Waste Management and Environmental Health. A special thank you to those municipalities and Highland Park Fire Department members Chief Jay Littman, Engineer David Seiden, and Firefighter Matt Flower for their assistance with the cover photograph.*

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Recycle!

- ◆ **EVERYONE MUST RECYCLE.** This includes single-family households, multifamily apartments, condos, industries, businesses, government, offices, construction sites, schools, colleges and universities.
- ◆ **EVERYONE MUST HAVE SEPARATE CONTAINERS FOR RECYCLABLES AND GARBAGE.** The only exception to this rule is if your business has applied for and received a recycling exemption from your municipality.
- ◆ **MAKE SURE THAT YOU PROPERLY SEPARATE YOUR RECYCLABLES AND DO NOT INCLUDE ITEMS IN THE RECYCLING BIN THAT ARE NOT RECYCLABLE.** When in doubt, contact your municipal recycling coordinator for the correct information. See Page 16 for phone numbers.
- ◆ If you are aware of anyone who is not recycling, or if you see a garbage hauler mix previously separated recyclables and garbage, please call the Middlesex County Division of Environmental Health at 732-745-8492. The Division conducts inspections of these locations and haulers to ensure that recycling requirements are being followed.

What am I required to recycle?

Residents (including residents of multifamily dwellings), and occupants of governmental, institutional (schools, colleges, universities), and commercial establishments (retail, restaurants, offices, warehouses, construction sites, etc.) must recycle the following mandated materials:

- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel and tin cans
- Plastic bottles with a #1 or #2 on the bottom
- Newspaper
- Corrugated cardboard
- Mixed paper (magazines, office paper, junk mail)
- Textiles
- Computers and televisions
- Rechargeable batteries
- Leaves
- Brush
- Motor oil
- Tires
- White goods (refrigerators, air conditioners, washers, dryers)
- Masonry/Paving materials

In addition, commercial establishments must recycle fluorescent bulbs and new construction sites must recycle clean wood scrap. Also, warehouses, retail and supermarkets with 25 or more employees must recycle plastic film (stretch/shrink wrap and plastic bags).



Recycle Right...

It is important that you know what can and cannot be recycled in your municipality.

Many residents just “recycle everything” thinking they are doing their part to help the environment. But, placing items in your curbside recycling bin that cannot be recycled wastes time, energy, and money. Recycling facilities have to pay to sort and dispose of items that should have been thrown in the garbage in the first place. This increases costs to every taxpayer.

Follow these simple rules:

- DO NOT include garden hoses, VHS tapes, used syringes, toys, carpet, plates, shoes, clothing, cups, utensils or plastic bags in your Curbside Recycling Bin.
- DO reuse your plastic bags at home or see if your local grocery store accepts them for recycling.
- DO recycle your clothing at any of the many clothing drop-off boxes in your community.
- DO pour out liquids from food and beverage bottles/cans before putting in recycling bin.
- DO NOT recycle any boxes or papers that are covered in food, grease or liquids. DO recycle your pizza boxes if they do not have grease or other food on them or consider only recycling the top of the box.
- DO NOT recycle any bottles that contained hazardous materials (empty motor oil, pesticides, antifreeze, paint).
- DO call your local recycling coordinator (see page 16) if you have questions on whether an item should be recycled.

Know Which Bin To Throw It In!

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

The Division has a number of resources available FREE to schools and other civic groups including speakers and assembly/educational programs. Call 732-745-4170 or email us at solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us for more information.

Medication Disposal

According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), keeping medicines after they expire or are no longer needed creates an unnecessary health risk in the home, especially if children are present. You can safeguard your family and others by removing and disposing of unwanted or expired medications from the home.

Do not dispose of prescription and over-the-counter medications down the drain or toilet! Wastewater treatment facilities cannot remove harmful pharmaceutical compounds, and these may end up in your drinking water.

There are a number of collection days and permanent locations in New Jersey that accept unused medicines. Many Police Departments have a drop-off bin for medicines. Visit www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop/pages/locations.aspx for the drop-off near you.

For other programs, visit the following websites for more details:
www.disposemymeds.org
www.dea.gov
www.americanmedicinechest.com



If you cannot wait for a collection event or make it to a permanent collection location to dispose of your medications, please follow these 4 steps.

4 STEPS FOR PROPER DISPOSAL

1. Keep medicine in original container. Mark out personal information on prescription bottles.
2. Mix liquid medicine with undesirable substances like coffee grinds, cat litter or dirt. Dilute pills with water, then add coffee grinds, cat litter or dirt.
3. Place bottles in an opaque container, like a yogurt container, and secure lid; or wrap in a dark colored plastic bag.
4. Place the container in the trash. Do NOT recycle.

If you have syringes, use the New Jersey Hospital Association's Safe Syringe Program. Contact the participating hospitals below for more details.

St. Peter's Univ. Hospital
New Brunswick
732-745-8600 ext. 8371

University Medical Center at
Princeton (Plainsboro)
609-853-6140

JFK Medical Center
Edison
732-321-7539

Somerset Medical Center
Somerville
908-685-2200 x 3258

Ask for Safe Syringe Program

BULKY WASTE DISPOSAL

If you have bulky waste such as furniture or construction materials that you need to dispose of.....

- Call your local public works department (phone numbers on page 16) to see if they offer the service you require.
- Check the phone directory under “garbage removal” to contract with a properly licensed hauler.
- See the list below of privately owned transfer stations that will allow drop-off of solid waste at their locations for a fee.

Note: The Middlesex County Landfill in East Brunswick is only open to licensed solid waste haulers and does not have the capability to handle waste deliveries from residential or other vehicles without valid NJDEP permits at this time.

PRIVATE TRANSFER STATIONS

A number of transfer stations in Middlesex County accept waste from personal vehicles or any person hauling their own waste in a vehicle weighing less than 9,000 pounds for a single vehicle or 16,000 pounds combined weight for a vehicle pulling a trailer. You must deliver the waste and there will be a charge per load. Please call the facility first to determine the operating days and hours and the charge.

Importico
120 Baekeland Avenue
Middlesex
732-356-3882

Midco (New Brunswick)
5 Industrial Drive
New Brunswick
732-545-8988

Sakoutis Brothers
Baldwin St./2101 Roosevelt Ave.
South Plainfield
908-222-8310

Midco (Middlesex)
92 Baekeland Avenue
Middlesex
732-545-8988
732-469-3777

Montecalvo Disposal Services
75 Crows Mill Road
Keasbey
732-738-6000



Note to licensed haulers: Middlesex County does not require all waste generated in the County to be disposed of at the Middlesex County Landfill, only that it must be disposed of at a licensed disposal facility. However, if waste is not disposed of at the Middlesex County Landfill, a tonnage report must be filed by the 20th of the subsequent month and the Solid Waste Management Services fee must be paid. Call the Division at 732-745-4170 or visit our website (see page 16) to obtain a hauler’s compliance package.

Elementary School Students Coloring Contest

Students in grades 3-5 are invited to design a poster showing recycling in your school.

Submit an 8 1/2" by 11" design - with a picture and slogan - and your entry may be chosen to be used for one of our promotional items!

Designs must be submitted by April 22nd.

See the website (on page 16) for more details.

Middle School - Essay Contest

Middlesex County is sponsoring an Environmental Essay Contest. Students in grades 6-8 from both public and private schools throughout Middlesex County are invited to participate. Nine winners will be chosen, three from each grade. This year there will be a different topic for each grade level. Below are the topics:

Sixth grade: How can we prevent people from littering?

Seventh grade: New Jersey has struggled in recent years to reach our required recycling goals. How can we convince more people and businesses to recycle?

Eighth grade: What is the best way to communicate with the public (both residents and businesses) regarding recycling requirements and why?

All entries are due by April 22nd and will be judged by the Division of Solid Waste Management & Environmental Health Staff. More details can be found on the Division's website (see page 16).



Clean Communities Program

The New Jersey Clean Communities Council was formed to implement a statewide program of public information and education to change the attitudes that cause littering and the irresponsible handling of solid waste. Visit the website at www.njclean.org to learn about the many programs they sponsor including the Adopt-a-Beach, Slam Dunk the Junk and Adopt-a-Highway programs.

The New Jersey Clean Communities Program takes a three-pronged approach to solving the litter problem: **Cleanups, Education and Enforcement.**

Counties and municipalities receive grants each year to implement an anti-litter campaign. Middlesex County utilizes our funds for our highly successful program for the cleanup of roads, parks and other public places by using the services of a supervised work detail from the County's Adult Corrections Center.

For more information on the County's cleanup programs, contact the Division at 732-745-4170. To participate in a local cleanup, contact your municipal coordinator (see page 16 for municipal phone numbers).

CLIP & SAVE RECYCLING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Every Wednesday & Friday:

-Compost Bin Sale

1st Saturday of the Month:

-Paint @ Middlesex and East Brunswick

2nd Friday of the Month:

-Paper Shred (April, May, July, September ONLY)

2nd Saturday of the Month

-Paper Shred (March- November)

-Paint @ Dunellen, New Brunswick, Old Bridge

3rd Sunday of the Month:

**-Household Hazardous Waste
(March, July & November ONLY)**

3rd Saturday of the Month:

**-Household Hazardous Waste
(May & September ONLY)**

-Paint @ Helmetta and South Plainfield

4th Saturday of the Month:

-Paper Shred (July & September only)

-Paint @ Woodbridge and South Brunswick

To check locations for these events
email: solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us
or call 732-745-4170.

Tire Recycling Drop-off Program

Middlesex County residents (**NO BUSINESSES***) can recycle FREE OF CHARGE up to **four** tires/month with or without rims by bringing them to one of five locations located in the County. Automobile and light truck tires only — no oversized tires.

EAST BRUNSWICK RECLAMATION CENTER

357 Dunhams Corner Road

Monday – Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

METUCHEN RECYCLING CENTER

44 Jersey Avenue

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

PLAINSBORO CONSERVATION RECYCLING CENTER

Off Grovers Mill Road

April 1st – December 15th December 16th – March 31st

Monday 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SAYREVILLE RECYCLING CENTER—FORT GRUMPY

3775 Bordentown Avenue

Monday & Friday 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

1st & 3rd Saturdays 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

WOODBIDGE RECYCLING CENTER

225 Smith Street, Keasbey (beneath Parkway & Rt. 9 Bridges)

Monday – Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

* Businesses - see page 11 for recycling options



Paint Drop-off Program

Monthly Weekend Cycle	Northern Locations	Southern Locations
1st Saturday	Middlesex Recycling Drop-off Center 1200 Mountain Ave.	East Brunswick Reclamation Center 357 Dunhams Corner Rd.
2nd Saturday	Dunellen Public Works Yard 235 Hall Street	New Brunswick DPW Yard 400 Jersey Ave. <hr/> Old Bridge Public Works Yard Route 516
3rd Saturday	South Plainfield Recycling Drop-off Center Kenneth Ave.	Helmetta Behind Municipal Bldg. 51 Main Street
4th Saturday	Woodbridge (Keasbey) Public Works Yard 225 Smith Street	South Brunswick Recycling Center (behind Municipal Bldg.) Kingston Ln./Rt. 522

RULES

**ALL SITES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM—12 NOON
Free of Charge**

**Middlesex County Residents Only
(proof of residency required)**

Note: Other services at these drop-off sites are for township residents only.

Acceptable Items:

Paints, and Paint Related Items (Latex, Water, and Oil Based Paints, Stains, Varnishes, Lacquers, Thinners, Paint Aerosols). Items must be labeled.

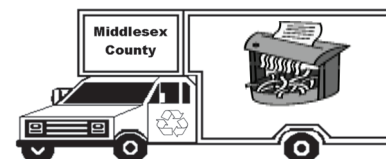
- **No Household Hazardous Waste**
- **No Empty Containers** (they can be thrown out in the regular trash)
- **No Commercially Generated Paint** (see page 11)



Closed holidays and some holiday weekends. Call 732-745-4170 for information.

Residential Paper Shred Program

Recycle your residentially (no businesses) generated old documents and confidential files* safely and securely! Come to our mobile **paper shredding** events.



2016 Events:

3/12/16	Old Bridge Municipal Center Parking Lot	7/23/16	Woodbridge Department of Public Works
4/8/16 (Friday)	Monroe - Thompson Park,	8/13/16	Plainsboro Municipal Center
4/9/16	Metuchen Edgar School	9/9/16 (Friday)	Monroe - Thompson Park
5/13/16 (Friday)	Highland Park Senior Center	9/10/16	South Brunswick – Beech Woods Park
5/14/16	South Amboy Municipal Building	9/24/16	South Plainfield PAL Building/Recreation Center
6/11/16	South River Department Of Public Works	10/8/16	Milltown American Legion Post 25
7/8/16 (Friday)	New Brunswick High School	11/12/16	Carteret Community Center
7/9/16	Edison Municipal Building		

All Paper Shred events run from 9am - 12 noon or until the truck is full, whichever occurs first. Residents may bring a maximum of 5 file boxes or up to 100 pounds (in a manageable container - no plastic bags) per car to each event. See page 10 for location addresses and visit our website (see page 16) for directions.

* No magazines, newspaper inserts or telephone books—please recycle those with your mixed paper. No x-rays, CDs, photos or garbage. Loads containing unacceptable items may be rejected.

Middlesex County residents only.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Program (HHW)

2016 Schedule

LOCATION (for location information, see page 10)	DATE
Middlesex County College (Edison)	Sundays, March 20 & November 20
Middlesex County Highways Division (North Brunswick)	Saturday, May 21
Old Bridge Public Works	Sunday, July 17
Woodbridge Public Works	Saturday, September 17

RULES:

- FREE OF CHARGE!
- **ALL DROP-OFF TIMES ARE 8:00 A.M.– 2:00 P.M.**
- Proof of Middlesex County Residency Required
- RESIDENTIAL WASTE ONLY (No Waste From Commercial or Industrial Sources)

What to Bring:

Aerosol Cans - Lighter Fluid - Antifreeze - Gas/Oil Mix - Household Batteries (No Alkaline Batteries) - Car Batteries - Pesticides/Herbicides - Gasoline - Latex Paints - Photographic Chemicals - Pool Chemicals - Propane Tanks - Oil Based Paint - Drain Cleaners - Thermometers - Paint Thinners - Driveway Sealer - Used Motor Oil - Mercury Containing Items - Thermostats - Stains - Varnishes - Fluorescent Light Bulbs (No Broken Bulbs, Please)

What Not to Bring:

- Tires - Explosives and Munitions - Medical/Infectious Waste - Unknowns - Empty Containers - Electronics - Appliances/Furniture - Containers over 10 gallons - Alkaline Batteries
- RESIDENTS BRINGING ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL **MUST PRE-REGISTER** BY CALLING 732-745-4170.

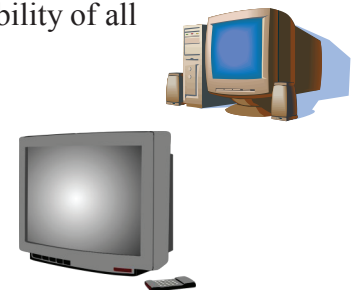
Electronics (E-waste) Recycling

Proper recycling of consumer electronics such as televisions and computers eliminates the improper dumping of such items in our parks and Open Spaces.

The NJDEP has provided a list of drop off locations at several electronics retailers. Please visit www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/ewaste/index.html or call 866-DEP-KNOW to find a location nearest you. Please call the retailer ahead to confirm this service is ongoing and applicable. In addition, you may also contact the manufacturer of your device as it is the responsibility of all manufacturers to set up a collection program.

Please remember that recycling of computers and televisions is required by State Law.

Thank you for your cooperation to help keep Middlesex County clean and green.



EVENT/PROGRAM LOCATIONS

Carteret Community Center - 100 Cooke Avenue 07008 (PAPER SHRED)
Dunellen Department of Public Works - 235 Hall Street 08812 (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)
East Brunswick Recycling Center - 357 Dunhams Corner Road 08816 (PAINT & TIRE DROP-OFF SITE)
Edison Middlesex County College - 2600 Woodbridge Avenue (Mill Road Entrance) 08818 (HHW)
Edison Municipal Building Parking Lot - 100 Municipal Boulevard 08817 (PAPER SHRED)
Helmetta Municipal Building - 51 Main Street 08828 (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)
Highland Park Senior Center Parking Lot - 220 South 6th Avenue 08904 (PAPER SHRED)
Metuchen Department of Public Works - 44 Jersey Avenue 08840 (TIRE DROP-OFF SITE)
Metuchen Edgar School, Rear Parking Lot - 49 Brunswick Avenue 08840 (PAPER SHRED)
Middlesex Borough Recycling Center - 1200 Mountain Avenue 08846 (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)
Milltown American Legion Post 25 Parking Lot - 4 JF Kennedy Drive 08850 (PAPER SHRED)
Monroe Thompson Park Parking Lot near Manalapan Lake 08831 (PAPER SHRED)
New Brunswick Department of Public Works - 400 Jersey Avenue 08901 (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)
New Brunswick High School Parking Lot - 1000 Somerset Street (Rt. 27) 08901 (PAPER SHRED)
North Brunswick Middlesex County Highways Div. - Apple Orchard Ln., North Brunswick 08902 (HHW)
Old Bridge Municipal Complex - 1 Old Bridge Plaza (Rt. 516 & Cottrell Rd.) 08857 (HHW, PAINT SITE, PAPER SHRED)
Plainsboro Municipal Center - 641 Plainsboro Road, 08536 (PAPER SHRED)
Plainsboro Recycling Center - Grovers Mill Road. 08536 (TIRE DROP-OFF SITE)
Sayreville Fort Grumpy - 3775 Bordentown Avenue 08872 (TIRES)
South Amboy Municipal Building - 140 North Broadway 08879 (PAPER SHRED)
South Brunswick Beech Woods Park - 37 Beekman Road, Monmouth Junction 08852 (PAPER SHRED)
South Brunswick Recycling Center - Kingston Lane/Rt. 522 (540 Ridge Road) 08852 (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)
South Plainfield Recycling Center - Kenneth Avenue 07080 (PAINT DROP-OFF SITE)
South Plainfield PAL Building/Recreation Center - 1250 Maple Avenue 07080 (PAPER SHRED)
South River Department Of Public Works - 9 Ivan Way 08882 (PAPER SHRED)
Woodbridge Department of Public Works - 225 Smith St., Keasbey 08832 (PAINT, PAPER SHRED, TIRE, HHW SITE)



Call (732-745-4170) or visit the Division's website for directions and program information.

Batteries

- **Alkaline Batteries fall below Federal and State hazardous waste standards and can be disposed of in the regular trash.** Alkaline batteries include AA, AAA, C, D and 9-V and will have the word "ALKALINE" imprinted on the battery.
- **Batteries from vehicles contain lead and should be recycled.**
- **Rechargeables must still be recycled. Button Cell Batteries should still be separated for proper disposal.**

Rechargeable batteries can be found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders, and remote control toys. They can be recycled through the national Call2Recycle program. To find a retail collection site use the collection site locator at www.call2recycle.org or you may call the consumer helpline, 1-877-273-2925.

Middlesex County will accept vehicle, rechargeable and button cell batteries at our household hazardous waste (HHW) days. Federal regulations require that you must individually bag each rechargeable & button cell battery or tape each terminal end prior to recycling.

Attention Businesses:

All businesses in Middlesex County **must recycle** the following items:



- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Steel and tin cans
- Plastic milk, water, soda and laundry bottles (#1 & #2)
- Newspaper
- Corrugated cardboard
- Mixed paper (magazines, office paper, junk mail)
- Textiles
- Computers and televisions
- Rechargeable batteries
- Leaves
- Brush
- Motor oil
- Tires
- White goods (refrigerators, air conditioners, washers, dryers)
- Masonry/Paving materials
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Clean wood scrap (new construction sites)
- Plastic film/stretch/shrink wrap/plastic bags (warehouses, retail, and supermarkets with 25 or more employees)

In many cases, businesses will need to contract out with their own hauler to handle their recyclables. **Businesses are also required to provide an annual recycling tonnage report to their municipal recycling coordinator.**

The Division of Solid Waste Management has prepared a Markets Directory listing businesses that provide recycling services. There are over 30 different items in the directory. Call 732-745-4170 or visit the Division's website listed on page 16 for a free copy.

Note: **EVERYONE MUST HAVE SEPARATE CONTAINERS FOR RECYCLABLES AND GARBAGE.** The only exception to this rule is if your business has applied for and received a recycling exemption from your municipality.

Attention Schools:

All schools must recycle newspaper, mixed paper, and cardboard, and also aluminum, glass, steel and plastic bottles and cans! At a minimum, there should be bins for recycling paper in every class and a bin for bottles and cans in the cafeteria, lunchroom, or other appropriate locations. In addition, if generated, schools must recycle motor oil, leaves, brush, tires, masonry/paving materials, rechargeable batteries, textiles, white goods, electronics, and fluorescent bulbs.

Also, all schools **must** provide written notice to all students, teachers, and other staff on the recycling requirements at the beginning of each new school year.

If you need assistance in setting up a recycling program at your school, you may call your municipal recycling coordinator (phone numbers on page 16), or the Division at 732-745-4170.

Lastly, the Division has limited quantities of recycling bins available on a first come, first served basis. Call the Division at 732-745-4170 if you are interested in obtaining free recycling bins.

Remember, Recycling is not an option. It's the Law!

New Jersey WasteWise Business Network

WasteWise is a free, voluntary program established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to promote waste reduction, recycling and recycled product procurement.

The **New Jersey WasteWise Business Network** is an organization devoted to spreading the **WasteWise** message to businesses, local governments, and other organizations in New Jersey. Visit the following websites to learn how to get involved with the Network:

www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/wastewise/brbn03.htm
www.anjr.com/njwastewise/new-jersey-wastewise.html

Backyard Composting

Help the environment while creating a wonderful nutrient for your soil!



Soil Saver
32" high X 28" wide X 28" long



Vermicomposter
for indoor use

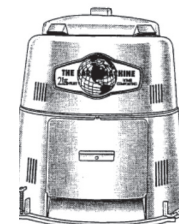
\$50.00

STARTING APRIL 1st NEW LOCATION & TIME
Middlesex County residents can buy
Compost Bins

Wednesdays 12 noon - 3 pm
Fridays 9 am - 12 noon

711 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, 08901

Free kitchen pail and composting guide included.
Call the Division at 732-745-4170 for more information.



Earth Machine
32" high X 32" wide at base

\$40.00

\$20.00



Geobin
30" high X 36" wide at base

To learn more about Composting, come to one of our FREE workshops:

Backyard Composting
Sunday, April 10, 2016
Saturday, April 16, 2016
10 am

Vermi(worm)composting
Tuesday, April 19, 2016
6:30 pm

Both workshops will be held at
the Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Service's EARTH Center in
Davidson's Mill Pond Park, 42 Riva
Avenue, South Brunswick (use North
Brunswick, 08902 for GPS directions)

Workshops will run approx. 2 hours.
Fall workshops: October 15
(backyard), October 12 (vermi)

Sign up now! Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

Phone _____

Backyard Composting _____

Vermicomposting _____

If you are interested in purchasing a compost bin,
please enclose the appropriate fee by check made
payable to Treasurer, County of Middlesex.
Pre-purchased bins can be picked up at the workshop.
No purchase necessary to attend the workshops!
Please indicate the type and quantity of bin(s) you are
purchasing:

Geobin - \$20 each _____

Earth Machine - \$40 each _____

Soil Saver - \$40 each _____

Vermicomposters - \$50 each _____

Mail registration form to: Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management,
711 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 or e-mail to solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us

CUT IT & LEAVE IT!

“The Greener Choice”

Grasscycling: Don't bag your grass clippings.

Grasscycle For a Healthy Lawn

Lawn experts at Rutgers University and other research centers have found that:

- Short grass clippings left on your lawn act as a natural fertilizer, producing a healthier lawn that greens earlier in the spring and stays green later into the fall.
- The grass clippings shelter the tender grass roots from the sun and conserve moisture.
- Grass clippings help to create a thicker, healthier lawn that is more resistant to weeds and certain lawn diseases.
- Grasscycling does not cause thatch. Short grass clippings decompose within a few days.

Grasscycling Saves....

Your Time. Experts say we spend as much as 35% of our mowing time getting rid of the clippings: emptying the mower bag, raking, filling the lawn waste bags and dragging them to the curb.

Your Money. You need to water and fertilize your lawn far less frequently, because the clippings conserve moisture and act as a natural fertilizer. They add almost two pounds of valuable nitrogen to every 1,000 square feet of lawn. You will also buy fewer lawn waste bags.

Your Town's Money. An average lawn creates about one ton of clippings each year. Municipal costs for the collection and disposal or recycling of grass clippings run about \$100 per ton.

5 Tips For A Great Looking Lawn

1. Any lawn mower will work, but a mulching mower (or a conventional mower with a mulching attachment) will produce the best results.
2. Mow high. Remove only the top 1/3 of the grass blade. You may mow a little more frequently, but your overall lawn care time will decrease.
3. Keep your mower blade sharp. Dull blades tear the grass. This produces ragged, brown edges that invite lawn disease.
4. Water in the morning to a depth of one inch. Shallow watering leaves your lawn susceptible to drought stress, disease and insect problems.
5. Don't over-fertilize. Grasscycled lawns need fertilizer only once or twice per year.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County

SAVE THE DATES!



Saturday May 7

10 AM – 3 PM

Celebrate National Herb Day

Master Gardener's

“Garden Q & A” Day

Consult with MGs on best practices for your garden. Starter plants will be available.

Middlesex County EARTH Center
in Davison's Mill Pond Park
42 Riva Ave., South Brunswick NJ

Saturday May 14

Garden Double Header!

10 AM – Noon

Putting Herbs to Work in Your Garden

Discover how herbs can attract beneficial insects, repel pests and improve the soil in your garden.

1 PM – 2 PM

Growing Figs in Containers

Learn why growing fig trees in containers may be the best way for NJ gardeners.

June, July & August:

Saturdays & Sundays

10 AM - Noon

Master Gardener's

Butterfly House Tours

Filled with butterflies and attracting plants.

Educational and fun for the family.

Saturday August 20

11 AM - 3 PM

EARTH Center

Garden Field Day/Open House

Garden Tours, Demonstrations,
Taste Tests, Music & Family Fun!
Join us for our biggest event all year.

Monday-Friday August 22 - 26

9 AM – 2 PM

Eco-Ventures at the

EARTH Center

**Environmental Summer
Day Program**

Open to Grades 5-8

Register at 732-398-5261

**Rutgers Master Gardener
Classes Begin**

Sept. 8 Thursday Evening

Sept. 9 Friday Morning

For more info contact
732-398-5278.

Year-Round consult with the
County's **Master Gardener**

Helpline 732-398-5220

Monday to Friday

October - March 10 AM - 12 Noon

April - September 9 AM - 12 Noon

Unless otherwise noted, all events
are held at the Middlesex County
EARTH Center in

Davidson's Mill Pond Park

42 Riva Ave., South Brunswick

Phone 732-398-5262

Need help getting rid of an item?

Here are some great sources to help you:

Do you have a Fire Extinguisher that no longer works? These are accepted at our Household Hazardous Waste Days (see page 9).

Do you have an old flare you need to dispose of? These are accepted at our Household Hazardous Waste Days (see page 9).

Have household hazardous waste to dispose of and you cannot get to one of our events (see page 9)? Burlington County (609-499-5200) and Morris County (973-631-5109) have permanent facilities and may accept your waste for a fee. Or give our office a call (732-745-4170) and we'll see if another County is having an event that you can attend.

Have paper to shred in between our regularly scheduled (see page 8) events? There are a few private companies that accept paper for shredding (for a fee). Call the Division (732-745-4170) for a copy of our markets directory.

Have Polystyrene "Styrofoam" Peanuts? Try www.theupsstore.com, www.loosefillpackaging.com or www.recycle techno.com.

Have a Bicycle? Try visiting the Pedals for Progress website - www.p4p.org.

Are you a business with surplus items to trade or give away? Try the Reuse Marketplace - www.reusemarketplace.org/



Do you have an old television you need to recycle? Visit the NJDEP's website <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/ewaste/index.html> to find the nearest drop-off site.

Are you a non-profit organization or resident with an item that needs a new home? Try the Freecycle Network www.freecycle.org

Have an Old Cell Phone? Try www.911cellphonebank.org, www.call2recycle.org or call 1-877-2-RECYCLE



Have construction debris that your town will not pick up? See bulky waste on page 5 for a list of transfer stations that will accept the waste (for a fee)

Were your residential recyclables not picked up? If you are in the following towns: Cranbury, Dunellen, Helmetta, Jamesburg, Middlesex, Monroe, New Brunswick, Old Bridge, Piscataway, Plainsboro, Sayreville, South Amboy, South River, or Spotswood, please call the Middlesex County Improvement Authority at 1-800-488-6242. If not, call your municipal recycling coordinator (phone numbers on page 16).

Do you have flooring or other construction materials to dispose of? See page 5 for options.

NOTE: If you do not see the item you have listed above, the Division of Solid Waste Management has prepared a Markets Directory listing businesses that provide recycling services. There are over 30 different items in the directory. Visit the Division's website listed below for a free copy.

Need information? Try these websites

www.co.middlesex.nj.us (Middlesex County's official web site)

www.njhazwaste.com (Association of NJ Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators)

www.anjr.com (Association of NJ Recyclers)

www.njclean.org (New Jersey Clean Communities Council)

www.mciauth.com (Middlesex County Improvement Authority)

www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw (NJ DEP Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste)

www.ifplantscouldtalk.rutgers.edu (Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service)

www.epa.gov/region02/ (US EPA Region 2 Homepage)

www.epa.gov/superfund (USEPA Superfund sites)



Kids' page

WORD SEARCH

E P T L W R B T O T
J L G R E F S J E H
U V C U A O L S G N
F C S Y P S J P C B
L E S M C L H A I P
K E O N B E O V T P
U C W H E L R E S A
Z I R E D U C E A P
F L L I F D N A L E
L V H D I H W X P R

COMPOST
LANDFILL
TRASH
PLASTIC

REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE
PAPER

MATCHING GAME

Match the items to the amount of time
it takes to decompose.

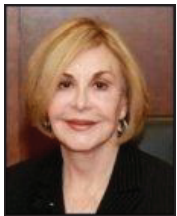
Tin Can	undetermined
Cotton T-shirt	100 years
Plastic Six Pack	2-4 Weeks
Wool Mitten	1-5 months
Paper	200-500 years
Aluminum Can	1 year
Glass Bottle	450 years

RECYCLE OR TRASH?

Put an R if the item can be recycled,
and a T if it should be put in the Trash

Aluminum Foil	_____
Plastic Fork	_____
Cereal Box	_____
Colored Pencils	_____
Used Napkins	_____
Empty Water Bottles	_____

Answers to games can be found on the Division's website
www.co.middlesex.nj.us
Select "Residents" tab and click on "Recycling Programs".



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Other Agencies' Contact Information:

Middlesex County Improvement Authority

101 Interchange Plaza, Cranbury, NJ 08512

1-609-655-5141 (Cranbury), 1-800-488-6242 (Recycling)

www.mciauth.com

Middlesex County Utilities Authority

732-721-3800 (Main Office), 732-246-4313 (Landfill)

www.mcua.com

Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service of Middlesex County

732-398-5262

Middlesex County Environmental Health Division

732-745-8480

Municipal Contact Information

Town	Public Works Phone #	Recycling Phone #
Carteret	732-541-3881	732-541-3881
Cranbury	609-395-0900 x*222	609-395-0900 x*229
Dunellen	732-968-5455	732-968-5455
East Brunswick	732-390-6984	732-432-6011
Edison	732-248-7288	732-248-7288
Helmetta	732-521-4946 x110	732-521-4946 x110
Highland Park	732-247-9379	732-514-1277
Jamesburg	732-521-3335	732-521-3335
Metuchen	732-632-8519	732-632-8519
Middlesex	732-968-1603	732-356-7953
Milltown	732-828-2100 x182	732-828-2100 x135
Monroe	732-656-4575	732-656-4575
New Brunswick	732-745-5104	732-745-5059
North Brunswick	732-297-1134	732-297-1134
Old Bridge	732-721-5600 x6140	732-721-5600 x6107
Perth Amboy	732-826-2010	732-826-2010 x4204
Piscataway	732-562-2390	732-562-2390
Plainsboro	609-799-0099	609-799-0099
Sayreville	732-390-7042	732-390-7008
South Amboy	732-721-8100	732-721-8100
South Brunswick	732-329-4000 x7260	732-329-4000 x7274
South Plainfield	908-755-2187	908-226-7621
South River	732-257-9051	732-257-9051
Spotswood	732-251-0700 x822	732-251-0700 x822
Woodbridge	732-738-1311	732-738-1311 x3049

Are you interested in participating in our events but can never seem to remember when they are? Sign up for monthly email reminders for our various programs. Just send your email address to the Division at: solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us

Email addresses will remain private and not be sold.

